

WØMTL - Mark Twain Land Area News — WØKEM

DECEMBER, 2007

AMATEUR RADIO



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

**PRAISE GOD FOR OUR BOUNTIFUL GIFTS IN
THIS LAND OF PLENTY, THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO
ARE LESS FORTUNATE!**



ATTENTION: At this club meeting, December 12, we will be having a small carry-in of snacks. (cookies, cakes, chips, etc.) What ever you want to bring.

HARC OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: MARK CARPENTER, NØZOF
V-PRES: J.D. SINCLAIR, WØAJD
SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL
TREASURER: TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL
TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA
EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP

**Next Meeting: Wednesday
December 12, - 2007 at 7:30 PM**

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.
 Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

FCC VE TEST FOR YEAR OF 2008

VE FCC exams in 2008 will be listed in the January 2008 Newsletter. They will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Cliff Ahrens KØCA at k0ca@arrl.net or 573-221-8618.

The 2008 test fee will be published at a later date. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES**By Fred Miller, KBØWIL**DATE: NOVEMBER 14TH, 2007Location: Beth Haven Nursing Home
2500 Pleasant St. Hannibal Mo. 63401**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Mark-NØZOF

Approval of previous minutes in newsletter:

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA

Motion seconded by: Oral-KBØECF

TREASURERS REPORT: Tony-WØPGL

Cash-\$ 846.98 CD-\$ 1,215.38

Total-\$ 2,062.36

Motion to approve: J.D.-WØAJD

Motion seconded by: Cliff-KØCA

REPEATER REPORT :Fred-KBØWIL

The 146.625 machine is working great, after we got all the lightning damage repaired. We have had the antenna up on the KICK tower for a little over three years now. November 10th, 2004 was the day we installed it on the tower. The 146.880 machine is still working great with no problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

J.D.-WØAJD asked the club for permission to use the WØKEM & WØMTL call signs to acquire Geratol certificates for the club. We all agreed it would be fine.

Motion to approve: Tony-WØPGL

Seconded by: Cliff-KØCA

HARC ANNUAL DINNER/ GET TOGETHER
FEBRUARY 9TH, 2008

We are going to have the clubs annual dinner/get together on Saturday February 9th, 2008 at the Golden Corral in Hannibal, starting at 6:00 PM. We have reserved a non smoking room, up in the front on the left hand side. The members and there guests are responsible for paying for there own meals. If you plan on attending please let Fred-KBØWIL know by the end of December, so we can have an approximate head count.

Motion to approve: Bonnie-WBØWAP

Seconded by: Ryan-KCØMYA

Note: We are **NOT** going to have our regular scheduled meeting in February 2008.

HARC Member of the year 2007:

We took nominations tonight for HARC member of the year. **Fred-KBØWIL** was nominated for this honor. We will have final nominations at the December meeting.

HARC Officers Election for 2008:

We took nominations tonight for officers of our club in 2008.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2008 OFFICERS:**President-** Mark-NØZOF and Howie-KØDFW**Vice Pres-** J.D.-WØAJD and Ed-NØWNV**Treasurer-** Tony-WØPGL**Secretary-** Fred-KBØWIL

We will have final nominations, and elections at the meeting in December, if you want to be a HARC officer, then attend the meeting and put your hat into the ring.

OTHER NEWS

The HARC made a contribution to the American Diabetes Association in behalf of a former member Doug-KD9Q. Doug passed away last month, in the past he made several contributions to the club and was an active member.

50/50 Won by:

Tony-WØPGL won the 50/50 and he donated it back to the club. Thanks Tony, the club appreciates it.

HARC 2008 Dues !!!

Don't forget the club dues for 2008 are getting close. Please pay Tony-WØPGL, he will be glad to take your money.

VE TESTING:

Tonight we had VE testing and we had one applicant to take the Technician exam.

Congratulations to our new member!

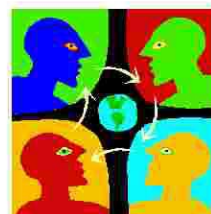
JOHN POTTER – BARRY, IL – KC9MMO

Number of members present: 11
 Number of guests: 4
 Total: 15 in attendance

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Motion made by: Cliff-K0CA
 Seconded by: Oral-KB0ECF

Minutes of the meeting as recorded by:
 Fred-KB0WIL....Secretary...



Around the World

DX & Computer Horizons December 2007 by Cliff Ahrens K0CA

One exciting bit of DX news for December is that amateur radio operations in Iraq are scheduled to resume November 20, 2007. YI activity has been suspended since March due to security concerns. Also this month there will be several contests that should offer some interesting DX. The ARRL 160 meter contest is on December 1-2, and the ARRL 10 meter contest is December 8-10. Now here's some information about planned DX operations in December.

Europa and Africa. Look for Kan JA1BK to operate during the time December 4th to 13th from France, Spain, and EA9 Ceuta & Melilla.

3D2 Rotuma. Antoine 3D2AG plans to operate from Rotuma from December 3 through the end of January.

C5, The Gambia. Jan PA4JJ hopes to operate as C56JJ between November 30th and December 11th. QSL via PA4JJ. For U.S. QSLs, Jan requests \$2. Jan's web site it at:
<http://c56jj.pa4jj.nl>.

OH Finland. Look for OH9SCL operating from Santa Claus Land in Finland in December. QSL via OH9UV.

T8, Palau. Look for Koki JE1PGS signing T88GS, along with Yutaka, T88YU/JQ2GYU, and T88LY/JJ2VLY between December 17 and 22. They will be on the HF bands on both CW and SSB, during their mornings and evenings. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the bureau.



Pray for our soldiers and our great country

TZ Mali. Look for Mac TZ6JA to be on the air from November 22 until December 14.

YI Iraq. Scott AD7MI plans to be active from Iraq signing YI9MI from November 20 until May 15, 2008. QSL via AD7MI.

If you can't make it into the WIARC DX packetcluster in Quincy, try using Telnet to access one of the many DX clusters with Internet connections. DX spots are also available over the Internet at sites like DX Central <http://www.dx-central.com/> and DX Watch <http://www.dx-central.com/>.

I'm typing this just two days before Thanksgiving. This morning the Today Show had a story about how some Thanksgiving dinners have 5000 calories, and stressed that moderation is important to your health. The big question is whether I'll have the will-power to show restraint on Thanksgiving. I usually do OK until it's time to eat dessert, when I decide that all the pies look so good that I must sample a piece of each. On a more serious note, let's all take time to give thanks for the many blessings each of us has received, and enjoy the opportunity to visit with family and friends during the upcoming holiday season. As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, let's share our time, talents, and treasure with others. I hope each of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a blessed Christmas, and a happy, healthy, and DX-filled 2008.

Thanks to the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column.

73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

WIARC 2008 License Class

The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club is set to begin the 2008 licensing class leading to the Technician Class Amateur Radio License. The course will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM beginning January 8, 2008 and will run for ten weeks, concluding with the exam session on March 11.

The classes will be in the Old Administration Building at the Illinois Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12th St. in Quincy. There is no charge for the course,

except for the purchase of the text "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, 1st Edition" which will be available at the 1st session for the discount price of \$20.

For more information contact Joe Huie, K2PEY, at 217-222-2754 or via email: joe.huie@aol.com.

NET CONTROL OPERATORS
2M 146.625/146.880

DECEMBER 2007

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| 3 | KØDFW | HOWARD |
| 10 | N9UPG | BILL |
| 17 | KB9VIS | BRIAN |
| 24 | KBØWIL | FRED |
| 31 | WØAJD | JD |

Thanks to those of you who volunteer to call the net on Monday evenings. We would like to have more operators participate, so if you are able to call the net, please contact Fred, KBØWIL, and we will add your name to the list. Also, if any of the members listed are not going to be available, please contact one of the other members to replace you.

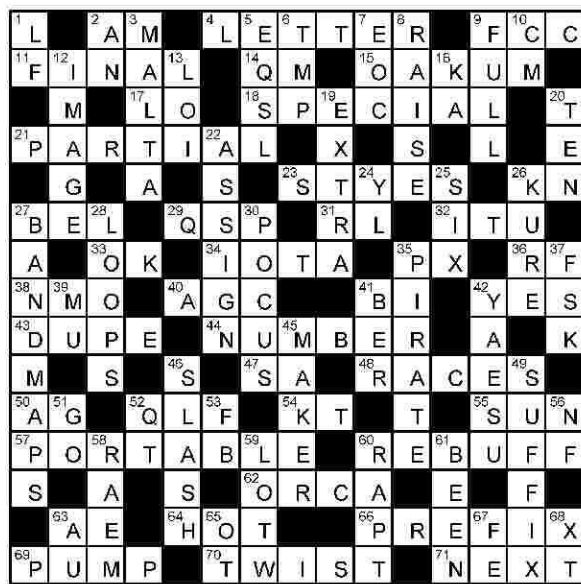
REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR CLUB!! BE SURE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES. WE NEED YOU!



Answer To Last Month's The Amateur Radio Crossword Puzzler

By H. Ward Silver, N0AX
October 26, 2007

Copied from ARRL site. (Answers)



ACROSS

2. Add to your call in flight
4. Make up most of a call
9. Administers US calls
11. Power amplifier
14. Suffix of the top DeSoto Cup operator
15. Stuffed in cracks to prevent leakage
17. Opposite of HI
18. Type of event for which 1x1 calls are used
21. Only some of a call
23. What a lot of shacks look like
26. Everybody else stand by (prosign)
27. 10 decibels
29. Relay
31. Inductor resistance (symbol)
32. Administrator of international call sign system
33. Home state of the new Sweepstakes Manager
34. Island DX award
35. Military base store
36. Our favorite type of signal
38. Mobile antenna mount type
40. Both a fuse and a volume controls system
41. Prefix meaning "two"
42. Affirmative
43. Work twice
44. Usually separates prefix and suffix
47. Continent for 9Y and PJ9 (abbr)
48. Amateur sub-service with separate call signs

50. Denotes upgrade to General
52. Sounds like sending with a left foot
54. The old abbreviation meaning Tech Plus
55. Our favorite star
57. What you say to denote operation away from home
60. Refuse or turn away
62. The real name of killer whales
63. Denotes upgrade to Extra
64. Lots of action
66. First part of a call sign
69. Inject energy into
70. Method of seating a BNC connector
71. Following in time

Down

1. Range below MF
2. The coldest continent (abbr)
3. The knights use the prefix 1A
5. Electronic QSL service
6. Temporary (abbr)
7. Place where emergency response is coordinated (abbr)
8. Lift
9. Always give your call sign in this way
10. 10 mm
12. Modes for transmitting pictures
13. Letter stating your intentions (abbr)
16. Microwaves between 18 and 40 GHz
19. Top license class
20. Highest HF band
22. Be given a call sign
24. Can give 00 as age in All Asia contest
25. Maximum characters in US call sign
26. Adds K to standard Hawaiian prefix
27. These show where stations are operating
28. Elements of quads
30. Companion to hocus
35. Makes up a call sign
37. Method of sending RTTY signals
39. Greek letter denoting permeability
41. Error rate in digital communications (abbr)
42. Fox Tango manufacturer
45. Person who creates
46. Denotes portable operation on CW
49. Ending portion of a call
51. Begin
52. Quiet (abbr)
53. Excellent! (abbr)
56. Uses the VO1 prefix
58. The only ham call that was all letters
59. ARRL's electronic QSL service
60. Attention paid to unworked DX station
61. Was in the past
63. Precious yellow metal (chemical symbol)
65. Posting not on the original subject (abbr)
67. Magnetic metal (chemical symbol)
68. Crosstalk (abbr)

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